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HIGH BPL POPULATION DISTRICTS
Pangi Shri Jayaram

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified districts in the entire country with more than 50% of the population living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the efforts being made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)to (c): The Planning Commission estimates poverty at the national and State level from a large sample survey on household consumer expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) after an interval of 5 years approximately. The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical support to the States and Union Territories to conduct a BPL census through door to door survey to identify the BPL households in rural areas and the BPL lists are maintained at the Gram Panchayat Level also.